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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Visit of Mr. Joseph DiGiorgio of the General Accounting Office

**REF:** My memorandum of 10 February 1978

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1. Pursuant to my 10 February telephone conversation with the SA/DO/O on this matter, arrangements were made for Mr. Joseph DiGiorgio to visit CIA on Thursday morning, 16 February. He stated that GAO's letter requesting CIA support was then enroute, but agreed to bring a copy in case it had not yet filtered down to us. The meeting was held in Conference Room 2047 from 1000 to 1130. Others present were Messers [redacted] of NFAC/ORPA/IID, and [redacted] of the Office of Legislative Counsel. [redacted] had telephoned about forty minutes before the session to say that he had GAO's letter, had learned of our meeting, and would like to monitor the session if we had no objection. A copy of the GAO letter is attached.)

2. Mr. DiGiorgio's immediate concerns were the identification (listing or counting) of terrorist incidents involving "internationally protected people," and the "random selection" of specific incidents which could then be examined in depth. He noted that he was preparing (a team of?) GAO analysts for an upcoming field trip during which this problem would be covered. All of his immediate needs could be met by querying NFAC/ORPA's computerized ITERATE data base on international terrorist incidents, and from the unclassified PCS/ITC Chronology of Significant Incidents. He already had in his possession the 1970-76 volume of the latter chronology, and I agreed to provide the 1977 quarterly updates. Arrangements were made to pass both the ITERATE material and the chronology supplements to him through [redacted] office, hopefully before the weekend. He indicated that he would probably be back in touch with us as his study progresses.

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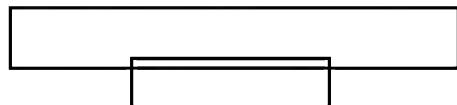
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3. Mr. DiGiorgio obviously holds some very definite opinions as to the inadequacies of Executive Branch measures coping with terrorism, as well as on how to go about analyzing the problem. He does not seem all that well informed on existing programs and procedures (he mentioned "having to get a briefing on what PRM-30 was all about"); and has many preconceived, and I would guess, mistaken notions about the nature of the problem. Allowing for a lengthy phone call he had with his office at the outset, and for much initial listening on our part, we did not get very much into the substance of international terrorism with him. Our comments were essentially low-key -- cautioning him on the limitations of statistics on terrorist incidents, and emphasizing the uniqueness of much terrorist activity and most incident management situations he would be reviewing.

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The Honorable Stansfield Turner  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Langley, Virginia 20505

Attention: Office of Legislative Counsel

Dear Admiral Turner:

The General Accounting Office has begun a review of the effectiveness of the provisions for internationally protected persons and property (IPP&P). These provisions arise from the requirements and obligations established in international law and conventions, bilateral agreements, and national laws, such as the Protection of Foreign Diplomats Act, insofar as they seek to limit the exposure of IPP&P to terrorists acts.

We are going to focus on the readiness of U.S. Embassies to cope with terrorist actions; on the experience and capability of the host country in this regard and its support of the embassy; as well as on the capability of those U.S. organizations which are involved in the provisions of support to foreign missions and IPP&P in the U.S.

We believe we will need to work closely with those people in the Central Intelligence Agency who have experience in counter terrorist operations; know about terrorist organizations, methods, objectives, targets and effectiveness and particularly the specifics of some of the incidents which have impacted on IPP&P.

Mr. Joseph DiGiorgio is the Assistant Director in charge of this assignment. He will be making arrangements for meetings and data necessary in the course of this review. Should you have any questions, he can be reached at 275-5857.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Conahan  
EB : Associate Director

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